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(C) MOSCOW 2963

1. ON MARCH 3, MAKINS (FIRST SECRETARY OF UK EMBASSY) TOLD
ACDA OFFICER THAT ISRAELYAN OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD
APPROACHED BRITISH TO REQUEST TRIPARTITE US-UK-USSR CONSUL-
TATIONS IN MARCH IN PREPARATION FOR NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE.

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HE SAID THE BRITISH CONSIDERED THIS A GOOD IDEA AND ASKED

WHETHER WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO AGREE TO ATTEND SUCH CONSULTATIONS IN LONDON DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 17. AFTER INFORMAL CHECK WITH WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCERNED, ACDA OFFICIAL INDICATED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO IDEA OF CONSULTATIONS BUT SUGGESTED THEY BE HELD APRIL 10-11 IN LIEU OF MID-MARCH.

2. REFTELS (A) AND (B) WERE NOT DISTRIBUTED HERE UNTIL MARCH 4.

3. ON MARCH 4 IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE SECRETARY'S AUTHORIZATION OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE SOUGHT (AS WE ARE NOW DOING), AND ACDA OFFICIAL ACCORDINGLY NOTIFIED MAKINS THAT HIS ADVICE OF THE PREVIOUS DAY WAS NOW SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT A HIGHER LEVEL, AND THAT LONDON SHOULD BE SO INFORMED.

MAKINS UNDERTOOK TO RELAY THIS MESSAGE. HE REPORTED THAT LONDON'S REACTION TO OUR COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON TIMING WAS THAT THEY STILL STRONGLY PREFERRED THE WEEK OF MARCH 17.

4. ON MARCH 6, MAKINS INFORMED US THAT MALLABY HAD SEEN TIMBERBAEV ON MARCH 5, AND THAT THE REPORT OF THAT MEETING DID NOT INDICATE THAT TIMBERBAEV HAD BEEN INFORMED EITHER OF OUR INITIAL COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON TIMING OR OF THE FACT THAT THE QUESTION OF USG PARTICIPATION WAS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION.

5. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE TIMBERBAEV THAT QUESTION OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN LONDON CONSULTATIONS, THOUGH UNDER CONSIDERATION, HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED, AND THAT IF WE DO DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE, WE MAY WELL FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BE PREPARED BY MID-MARCH AND MAY SUGGEST A DATE IN EARLY APRIL. INGERSOLL

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